REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks, wherein Claim 1 has been amended. As an initial matter, the drawings, abstract and specification stand objected to on minor grounds. As a result, Applicants have amended the application to remove the informalities noted by the Examiner. In particular, box 3 has been labeled as a controller. In addition, the abstract and specification have been revised as suggested by the Examiner.

Accordingly, withdrawal of objections to the drawing and specification is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for including the phrase "the like". However, the Examiner indicates that Claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 3 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. As a result, independent Claim 1 has been amended to remove the phrase "the like". Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 and 2 are now allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 8 has been amended by labeling box 3 a "controller".

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 8

